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***“Scouting puts into the lad discipline, pluck, chivalry and patriotism; in a word, it develops ‘character’ which is more essential than anything else to a lad for making his way in life”***

**- B-P**

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**The main thing is to keep the Main Thing the main thing!**

### Editorial:

As we come to the end of the first quarter of this year we may have realised as Cecil Rhodes once did that there is “... so much to do but so little time.”

We have already had our very successful Strategy Conference and many have had time to digest the words of our many excellent speakers.

Prof. Brian Figaji, our guest speaker and a Scout of many years hit the nail on the head when he said: “ Our motto is the basis for us to step into the future, we need a vision and a plan BUT the real hard work is the implementation, each one has to play their part. WITHOUT YOU the Vision and Plan cannot be realised.” We, are the Movement and have the responsibility to be committed.

A.A.C.Paddy Milner showed that the membership of the Movement had dropped from 1982 to 2002 by 50%. There were 440 Scouters, 1998 Scouts and 1982 Cubs. Although we had good Scouters it seems we are not

delivering what the youth wanted. The emphasis had to be that we are a PREMIER ADVENTURE MOVEMENT, community orientated.

Progress needed measurement and Scouters could provide this by answering census questionnaires, being star award participants, being visible and being part of the report back programme.

Mr Andrew Plastow emphasised the need for the profile of Scouting to be raised, we have to show what Scouting represents and what it can offer the youth. Scouting cannot exist in isolation. He was establishing a committee to deal with this aspect – he called for the assistance of a market researcher for this committee.

Supt. Jan Swarts of the Child Protection Unit painted a grim picture of child abuse in the Western Cape. There were presently 1400 cases under investigation, 850 were at court. These cases represented about 15% of known sexual abuse cases. 70% of cases occur where the

child and the perpetrator live together . There were two main indicators of abuse: Physical – the tell-tale signs of abuse and Behavioural – regression in behaviour patterns.

Minister Patrick Mackenzie in a very enlightening talk was quite adamant that the Government wholly supported Scout policies they recognised the value of Scouting and its methods and needed it and similar organisations to help engineer change in the communities emphasising old values – ubuntu and so on. To put their money where their mouth was they had donated R32000 in 2003 to the Movement. The Minister promised to look into access to community centres.

Camp America co-sponsors of this Conference provided information for interested young people 18 and over who wished to spend time in America working at various summer camps – great experiences for young people who had just finished school and needed time to think of their future careers. Further details from Area HQ.

This editorial does not purport to be a summary of the Conference. It covers some of the main points raised; unfortunately not all could be mentioned. More importantly if you attended, you came away enlightened enough to know where we are going. If you did not, isn't it time to get on the bus? We need you.

See you on the bus

**John Waterhouse**  
**Editor**

## Area Commissioner's Brief

The recently held conference was a huge success and I would like to thank all of you who attended. To those who were not able to attend, please ensure that you get a copy of the Vision and Strategic Plan so that you are aware of what is expected of each of us.

I would like to reiterate that the objectives that we have set, are achievable and if we work together we will accomplish our goals.

Monitoring will be done at the end of each term when the District Commissioners complete a report on each Group's progress. I ask that you give them your full support and ensure that the information supplied is correct. Once all statistics are collated we will give feedback to the Groups. Please do not see this as a punitive measure but rather as a means of assisting and providing support where needed.

I was rather disturbed by some comments made to members of the Scout Programme Department by both parents and scouters when scouts were not accepted on courses due to late entry or over subscription of the course. Dates for all courses and events are published well in advance and there should be no excuse for late entries – scouts and scouters should plan ahead. The office has been given instructions not to accept late entries or applications that are incorrectly completed.

In addition, the threat by scouters to “run their own courses” is viewed in a serious light. Courses for both Adults and Scouts can only be held in the Districts if they are approved by the Assistant Area Commissioners Scout Programme and Adult Leader Training respectively. Nobody wants to deny any scout or adult leader the opportunity to attend courses but we need to be organized and professional in the way we are doing things.

Your co-operation in this regard will be greatly appreciated.

Another area of concern for me is the fact that many scouters seem to be organising other activities, their own Scouts Own or are just not interested in attending the Area Scouts Own Service.

I admit that one cannot be compelled to attend and that attendance is voluntary - but the Area Scouts Own Services which have traditionally been held on a Sunday nearest to 22 February has over the years not only been used to celebrate the birthday of our Founder Lord Baden Powell but also as a thanksgiving service where we as an Area give thanks to our God for blessing our Movement.

In the last two years we have changed the service to an Interfaith one so that we cater for all our members. In addition we have gone one better this year by including a Speaker who is young and who could inspire the youth.

I have read with interest the comments made on the Scout Forum and I view these as constructive criticism and it will be noted for the future. Then there are others who says that we should do away with Scouts Owns in February because cubs and scouts should be out enjoying the summer weather. Well, it is unfortunate that BP Sunday or Founders Day for us in the southern hemisphere is in summer and scouters should plan around this. There are many other days when hiking and camping can take place.

All over the world cubs and scouts celebrate this day and we should not move away from that. The manner in which it is celebrated may differ from group to group or Association to Association but I believe that as a movement that encourages spiritual development among our members. We should set aside at least one day in the year when we can all come together to give thanks to our God and this day should continue to be BP Sunday/Founders Day. Together we can decide on the format of our celebrations.

Later this year I will facilitate a group discussion on future Scouts Own Services. Please make yourself available to contribute.

**See you around the campfire**

**Brian February  
Area Commissioner**



## Committee Members' Corner



By now AGM's and elections are distant memories and Group Committees should have received budgets from Troop and Pack Scouters and be well on the way to drawing up a Group Budget so that you know how much funding will be required before the end of the financial year (August 31<sup>st</sup>)

Once the Committee knows how much is needed to support Troop and Pack, maintain premises (if any) and purchase and repair equipment, then it is time to start fund raising.

1. I know it is not easy these days as there are so many demands on everyone's time and finances but there are quite a few ways which will help to raise funds and get the Committee working together as a team.

A few ideas that some groups have used successfully:

1. Ask the management of your local shopping centre for permission to make and sell borewors rolls on a Saturday morning. There is nothing quite like the aroma of braai-ing wors to draw the crowds
2. If some organisation in your community is having a fete, ask them if you can rent a stall to sell cakes, jumble, white elephants or anything else as long as it doesn't clash with the organisations own stalls.
3. Recycling – get Scouts and Cubs to collect newspapers, cardboard packaging, jars, bottles, cans etc. Check the Yellow Pages for the nearest collection centre which will exchange these items for cash.

That is enough to get on with but remember the Committee is the backbone and main support of the Group. The Troop and Pack **need you**.

### Nigel de la Rosa Area Chairman



Every year 1<sup>st</sup> Muizenberg Cubs and Scouts hold a 'Games Evening'. For the past two years this event has raised funds for our adopted 'Fishers Haven for the Aged' in Retreat.

Each person joining us for the evening pays a set entrance fee (usually R5) and this gets them 3 hours (6-9pm) of fun and games!

The event has also the advantage of bringing in prospective new members.

This past year everyone also had to bring a tin as part of the Cub National Challenge, which was then presented to the Home as part of their Christmas Hamper.

The games are all made by Cubs and Scouts themselves. In the Pack each Six chooses which game/base they want. They then decided on how it will be played, what is needed, posters and operating a 'shift list' so they can play too.

When they have made their game it has to be tested out by the Cubs and checked that everything is in place.

Their games include Fishing, Down the Skittles, Put out the Fire (water pistols and candles) Hoop Tombola, Treasure Dunking, Pirate Map – mystery treasure pot etc.

The Scouts likewise plan their games, but also put food tables together. How about ordering a pancake cooked on a 3m high lashed platform!

Some of their games include Dart Tombola, Electric Torch Buzzer, Pillow fighting on a pole, Mystery Balloon Pop, Guess how many Smarties in the Jar/Raffle (this one is so popular you wonder if it wouldn't be cheaper for some of them to buy their own box! The food and raffles are not included in the entrance fee.

Many aspects of the Cub and Scout badge work can be covered by the planning, making and operating of this event. Above all it's a great FUN raiser.

**Julie Pilkington**  
**Pack Scouter**



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

**Shaheen Sattar** of the **Castletown Rover Crew** writes:

During a recent training course, one of the projects was to comment on the following statement:

*“Modern society is becoming more and more amoral... values of previous generations are being largely ignored by modern youth.”*

I realised after the course that this is so relevant to young scouts, parents and committee members. I was encouraged by fellow Rovers to submit an abridged version of my original answer for general publication.

This comment focuses on alcohol, a scourge that destroys the fundamental principles on which Scouting is based.

French Nobel prize winner Dr Charles Richet described alcohol as follows:

*“Alcohol paralyses the senses, makes one lurch and vomit, it extinguishes the feeble glimmer of reason which flickers in our minds. It soon overcomes the strongest man and turns him into a raging beast .....never in any animal species is such ignominy to be found.. The ugliest thing....is a drunkard a repulsive being....”*

Alcohol is well known as a drug but finding the sociological definition was difficult, I found the following quite thought provoking:

*“I am alcohol, a challenge to the cigarette.  
I am the greatest criminal in history  
I have killed more men ;than have fallen in all the world wars.  
I have made millions of homes unhappy  
I have transformed millions of youths into hopeless parasites  
I make smooth the downward path of countless millions  
I destroy the weak and weaken the strong  
I make the wise man a fool and trample the fool into folly  
I ensnare the innocents, the abandoned wife knows me  
The hungry children know me, parents who have bowed their grey heads in sorrow know me.  
I have ruined many and shall ruin many more  
**I am alcohol.”***

A Scout whose mental ability is impaired by alcohol **cannot fulfil the Scout Motto**, for each drop consumed reduces his preparedness

He **cannot comply with the requirements of the Scout Laws** because he loses his honour and the trust in him, loyalty fades and *he* needs help, he is distant from friends and brother scouts, he becomes discourteous to others and unfriendly towards animals. Obedience and good humour are difficult for him as is thrift and mental and physical cleanliness.

He cannot uphold the Scout Promise and violates his duty to God.

*“They question you about strong drink and games of chance. Say: In both is great sin (Quran 2.219)*

*“Wine is a mocker and beer a brawler; whoever is led astray by them is not wise” Prov.20*

*See also Prov.22 and Quran 4.43*

I would encourage all Senior Scouts to study the “Code of Conduct for Adult Volunteers and Members” of the S.A. Scout Association and teach the principles to younger Scouts Article 10 deals with alcohol, drugs and chemical substances..

Any activity that encourages sobriety, would thus maintain fertile grounds for the growth and implementation of the Scout Motto, Laws and Promise, as our way of life. Any instrument that does not, should have no place in our Movement

*(Thank you Shaheen This letter has been shortened . B.P.(he really was a man before his time) expressed similar sentiments to the above in **Scouting for Boys**, he said: “A man who is in the habit of drinking beer, wine or spirits every day is not the slightest use for Scouting, Similarly a man who smokes much weakens his body – No boy ever began smoking because he liked it, but because he thought it made him look like a grown- up man. Generally it makes him look a little ass”-Editor*

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## Architectural Assistance Wanted

Extensions are planned for the premises of Area Headquarters in Goodwood. Any Scouter, Rover or Parent with architectural expertise who is willing to get involved, please contact Mrs Tracy Nel at Area H.Q. Phone 591 6842/3

## KON-TIKI 2004

### "BRASIL"

16 to 18 April 2004 at the Sea Scout Base, Sandvlei. Join the fleet as it sails up the Amazon River and follows the footsteps of the explorers

Closing date 31 March 2004 for further details contact John Delpont 083 629 3127

**"If you do nothing else during the year, do not miss this one!"**

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### Invitation to the 11<sup>th</sup> Korea Jamboree

Scouts, boys and girls, aged between 12 and 18 years are invited to attend this Jamboree which will be held in Korea from the 5-11 August 2004.

For further details please contact Area Headquarters Mrs Tracy Nel 591 6842/3

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### Scout Bronze Cross for Valour

John Gurney of Bulawayo, Zimbabwe writes:

"An incident occurred on Amamzimtotti Beach on 9 December 1942 when Seconder Norman Lamb, seeing a company of soldiers in trouble in the surf, and regardless of his own safety, went to their assistance and led them to safety.

The actual award was made at Amamzimtotti Civic Centre.

Mr Lamb still has the award but lost the citation and would be glad to have evidence of the award made to him.

Are you able to assist, please contact the Editor or e.mail : [jgurney@mweb.co.zw](mailto:jgurney@mweb.co.zw)

## Edward Shield (2003)

(held in February 2004)

### Margaret de la Rosa reports:

The 26 October 2003 dawned with a flash, a rumble and buckets of rain. Definitely not a day for an outdoor competition.

Rather than cancel and disappoint all the Packs who had entered, Donald postponed the event to a later date.

The only date available was Saturday 7 Feb 2004 which dawned hot, dry and windy.

By the time the competition started it was even hotter, drier and windier. Cubs, Old Wolves and judges were not going to give up and the competition went on regardless. The theme of the competition was: "Out of Africa"

1<sup>st</sup> Lwandle, a very new Pack, had problems in finding the venue, they'd walked around Bothasig unable to find anyone to give them directions but they did not give up and arrived when almost all the tests had been completed. The judges, good Scouters as they are, reopened bases so they could compete.

Congratulations to the winners:

Edwards Shield: 2<sup>nd</sup> Somerset West

Gallant Shield: Naruna Constantia

Pack Scouters agreed if Bothasig in February is a hint of what the place where sinners go will be like, then they *will* be very well behaved in future.



# 2007

## one World, one Promise

### A Test of Friendship

By

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL LORD BADEN-POWELL

*This story, written by B-P, about 1898, is based on fact.. Was BP writing about one of his own adventures or was 'Frank' someone else? Read on.*

We had been out on two days' reconnaissance, George Garbett and I, and were making the best of our way to join the Fort Salisbury Column, which we calculated to find at the upper drift of the little Inyati River. But our horses were pretty well done, and we were not able to make the progress we had hoped. Evening was already drawing on when we found ourselves still some twelve miles from the point. And on that open, rolling veld, with nothing but the slightest track to guide one, we had agreed that the safest way was not to try and push ahead in the dark; so, twilight being a short entr'acte here in Africa, George and I were already beginning to look out for a suitable spot to make our bivouac for the night.

Suddenly he exclaimed: "Heavens there they are!" I saw nothing, but he had eyes like a hawk and I always trusted him to see things; while I received his reports with an invariable calmness which, I flattered myself, counterbalanced his usual impetuous eager haste. So on this occasion I merely remarked: "It's rather a case of 'Hurrah' than 'Heavens,' I think."

"You idiot" he replied. "It's not the Column that I see. It's a lot of Matabele! Right in our path, too, waiting for us. Here, we had better get out of this." And as we wheeled our horses sharply round, several Matabele heads popped up among the grass and boulders on the rough ground over which we were then travelling – much nearer to us than the first that he had seen. We could even recognise the nature of their head-dresses, of which these were two or three varieties, and thence we gleaned that several regiments lay close by. And so we cantered off with the idea of making a wide detour to work round their flank and to regain our road, if possible, beyond them. But in the meantime we meant to ascertain all we could about their strength and possible intentions.

There is something of delight in the shock of surprise in coming suddenly upon an enemy: it is in its way not unlike a plunge into cold water and its invigorating

after effects. For a moment the heart tightens, and then from a tired, dragging creature we are suddenly transformed into a man endowed with a fresh flow of life and keenness. And in acting men against men, there is an excitement such as transcends anything one feels when contending with a mere wild animal; for against you you have allied all the cruelty and cunning of the beast, coupled with the human intelligence and an aptitude for fighting as great if not greater than your own.

So it was with George and me. Put on our mettle our fatigues were forgotten, and we proceeded with all alacrity to investigate more nearly the enemy's dispositions. But in doing so, we very nearly ran into a party of them who had crept rapidly down a donga with the intention of cutting us off; but just in time we viewed them, and as we wheeled about and galloped off we were saluted by a shower of assegais. Luckily for us we were just beyond their range, but the ringing grate and clatter as they fell among the stones had a very ugly sound, more so even than the banging of the few rifle shots whose bullets whistled high and harmlessly overhead.

And dodging in and out among the stone we cantered off, laughing at our escapade, while still the same dropping shots were fired as in salute. I was riding slightly in advance when suddenly I heard a crash behind me, and turning saw poor George's horse pitch heavily forward on to its head, half rolling over on its rider. The final parting shot had struck it. Through the twilight I could see the agony in poor George's face and eyes, as the horse in its convulsions rolled back off him he tried to raise himself upon his hands, but dropped down flat insensible.

I turned back to him, slid from the saddle, and flinging the reins over old Toulon's head, in a moment I was on my knees beside him. He was evidently in a bad plight; his horse, dead, shot through the neck as it turned to pass an ant-heap, and poor George himself injured to an extent which I only discovered when, on passing my arm between his legs to raise him to my shoulders, I found him bleeding from a crushed and broken thigh.

As I approached my horse with my burden, the old brute tossed up his head, and not liking my appearance, began for the first time in his life to walk anxiously away from me. For a moment it looked as if he would break into a trot, and then into a wild, senseless canter, and my heart sank within me; but luckily the dragging reins caught under his feet and jerked him back to reason and obedience. Shouldering my poor friend on to the pommel of the saddle, so that he lay face down across the wallets, I mounted and headed Toulon away into the friendly darkness which was now gathering over the veld.

In spite of the horror of the situation, I could not help for a moment comparing it all to the fun known as the "Zereba Race" at the gymkhana sports. A few shots were fired as we cantered labouringly away, and within a minute I could hear the bloodthirsty "choggu"

cry of the Matabele as they went to work on the dead horse with their stabbing assegais. This, like a carcase thrown to wolves, most luckily delayed them and gave me just the start I wanted, and not many minutes later we were well beyond pursuit. For an hour or more I steadily pressed along, keeping a straight course away from the enemy, and then turning in the direction of the Southern Cross which was now beaming bright athwart the sky, one more I headed towards the probable line of our main force.

All this time poor George had practically remained unconscious. Now and again he would rouse himself, and then with a quivering cry fall back into limp insensibility. I had reined into a walk and had him ore comfortably rested in my arms when consciousness at length returned to him, but his anguish was evidently unbearable; his former sick insensibility was better far than this later train of torture, spasms mixed with deep-groaned curse. At first he held out manfully, and gnawing the end of my wallet strap between his teeth he faced the pain. But nature could not stand it long, and finally he begged me just drop him where we were.

At first I refused to dismount and pointed out to him the danger that our foes might still be hunting on our track, and happily once more he swooned away. But it did not last long. Once more he awoke to consciousness and pain, and this time ordered me so earnestly to lay him down that, coming on a rocky donga in which a small spruit gurgled invitingly, I halted there, and dismounting lowered him as gently as I could upon the ground.

I gave him a sup of whisky and water from my flask, and after knee-haltering Toulon, lit a small fire in the hollow of some rocks and put the billy on to boil some soup; then I turned to George to try and dress his hurt. Poor chap! His eyes were open, but evidently without intelligence, and quickly drawn sobs showed how the pain was racking him. Ripping up his blood-soaked breeches, I saw by the feeble glint of firelight enough of the mangled thigh to show how hopeless was his case. I poured him out a stiffish dose of whisky mixed with chlorodyne, and waited, miserably watching, till he should awake.

What could I do? Those jagged ends of bone could never be so bound as to stand the move and jolting of the horse. We could not rest here long away from food and friends and close beside the enemy. His ghastly pain put such a thought into my head as made my better mind recoil in horror, and yet –

Just then he spoke, but in a voice I hardly knew for his. "It's no good James," he said, "I'm done for this time, old chap. And I couldn't have dreaded more pain about it than I'm getting now. I want you, old boy, to be my good pal to the last and – help me out."

I shuddered that he had almost read my thought, and he gripped my hand. "I've not had a very gaudy time in this world, and I don't suppose I should ever have improved on it much. I suppose it was partly my own

fault. I feel no desire to carry it on. My people expected and wanted me to do great things – I preferred the veld. That is my only regret; not the veld, no – there I have been happy; but my selfishness – that's what hurts me now. I wish I had done a bit more for other chaps in my time. I only see it now when its too late what a useless lump I've been. But it's too late to cry over spilt milk now; only to end this as soon as I can. Now, old friend, just get your revolver – I am longing for it. Oh, for God's sake!" He groaned and again dropped into a swoon.

Ah! The miserable tension of my indecision! Though he had prayed me for it, could I bring myself to do the things he wanted? I reflected how, even if we were found by friends within the next few hours, which was more than improbable, it would not necessarily mean the saving of his life, and meantime he would have to drag on in this awful agony.

Even æ I pondered his pain-writhing had given a sickening twist to the limb. I kicked up the fire for a better light. I put the muzzle to his temple, steeled my heart – and in a moment his pains were ended by the hand that would have given itself to save him.

Happily no time was given for reflection, for my horse, standing on the donga bank at the moment, gave a snort of alarm – not at the pistol shot; he was too old a campaigner to notice that – and he stood silhouetted against the stars, staring into the darkness beyond the fire. There was a feeling rather than a sound of movement on the veld beyond.

In a few seconds I was beside him, and while I loosened his knee-halter and tightened his girths I could hear the rattle as of the wooden necklets and the gourd powder flasks of armed men running. A moment more and I was on his back and flying for my life. The Matabele had either flowed closely on our tracks, or a new party had been attracted by my fire. Next day I reached our main body, safe – but alone.

#### EPILOGUE;

James Baxter was the hero of this story, he did get his comrade back to Bulawayo, but the injured man died. He was awarded the V.C..(Ack. Blue and Old Gold – BSAP, Aids to Scouting – B-P)





## Training Talk

### **FOCUS: Basic Training – Introduction to Adult Leadership**

Introduction to Adult Leadership is the basic training program designed especially for new adult leaders in the Scout Movement. All new adult leaders should participate in this program as soon as possible after completing Membership Application Form. It is a one-day course that highlights the values, aims, history and methods of Scouting. It addresses how these aims and methods are reached in an aged-appropriate style within the Pack, Troop and Crew. The course provides new leaders with a look at the resources available to them through the South African Scout Association, and a clear understanding of Scouting's expectations of its adult leadership.

### **Course sessions include:**

1. Scout Fundamentals
2. Scout Method & How sections operate
3. Organizational Structure & Policy, Organization & Rules
4. Safety & Responsibility
5. Job Descriptions
6. Resources, Administration & Area Activities

After completing Introduction to Adult Leadership, new adult leaders will take part in leader specific training program (Warrant Course) to further prepare them for the opportunities and responsibilities relating to their leadership positions.

Calling all new adult leaders to apply for the next coming Introduction to Adult Leadership Course. For further details contact Nigel Forshaw at

Telephone 713 1535.

***Forthcoming training courses, closing dates and course leaders are given below.***

Course Name	Venue	Fee	Course Dates	Your Contact
Adult Introductory Course	Gilray	Free	8 May	Nigel – 713 1535
Troop Warrant Course	Hawequas	R200.00	13 & 24 March 7,21,23-25 April	Nigel – 713 1535
Pack Warrant Course	Gilray	R175.00	6 & 27-28 March	Donald – 558 8214
GS/Commissioner Warrant	Gilray	R130.00	3-4 April	Albert - 9759698
Cub Instructors	Gilray	R30.00	12 June	Elizabeth – 988 5028
Cub Jungle Background	Hawequas	R125.00	19-20 June	Donald – 558 8214

**Course: First Aid Badge for adults**

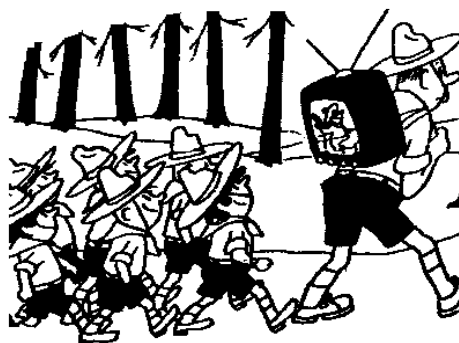
**Venue:**

**Course dates:** 17 & 18 April – 2 to 6 pm

1 & 2 May – 2 to 6pm

Evaluation - 29 & 30 May

**Course fee:** R 140.00





## 2007 Centenary Celebrations



### Why 2007?

- 2007 will mark 100 years of Scouting. In 1907, Lord Baden Powell ran his experimental camp on Brownsea Island on the South coast of England, for 20 young London boys from different social backgrounds.
- By 2007 over 500,000,000 women and men from most of the countries and cultures in the world will have promised to live by the Scout Promise and Law.
- 2007 is an opportunity for us to demonstrate the unique value of Scouting to the world and to celebrate the achievements of 100 years of Scouting.
- 2007 is the dawn of a new century of Scouting. We should celebrate the future of Scouting and look at how we can improve it to meet the needs of even more young people, their families and communities world-wide.
- 2007 also marks the 150th anniversary of the birth of our founder, Lord Robert Baden Powell, who was born on 22nd February 1857.

### How can you celebrate?

2007 will be a whole year to celebrate with no one single date being the sole focus.

- Contribute to the Gift for Peace project. This project will be the main focal point of 2007. All National Scout Organizations will be invited to offer a Gift for Peace to celebrate the Centenary of Scouting.

Each Scout, you, your Unit, your Group, can be part of this programme by getting involved in concrete projects aimed at building a better world. Work on these projects will start in 2005.

### Examples of Gifts for Peace:

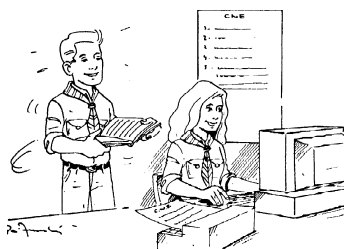
- projects to encourage sustainable development
- projects to encourage the implementation of Human Rights
- projects to promote education and health. The results of these projects should be highlighted in national events organized to celebrate the centenary of Scouting, for example at the Sunrise ceremony on 1st August 2007 (see below). They will be documented and prominently displayed in the Global Development Village at the 21st World Scout Jamboree, the 2007 Centenary Jamboree.

- Celebrate the dawn of a new century of the Scout Movement with the Sunrise ceremony on 1st August, 2007, 100 years from the day when Baden Powell first blew his Kudu horn to open the first ever Scout camp on Brownsea Island. This day should be used as a focus to highlight the achievements of Scouting. As the sun rises Scouts will be asked to make a symbolic gesture to demonstrate their commitment to the spread of Scouting and its ideals.
- Celebrate locally and nationally significant dates such as the founding of Scouting in your country or local Scout unit.
- Hold camps, religious ceremonies and special activities to mark this occasion.
- Participate in the Join-in-Centenary activities.



**The Area's Centenary Committee will soon convene to start the planning for our Centenary Events. If you would like to be part of that Committee, please contact the Area Commissioner directly. Telephone (Home) 021 – 3745037, (Office) 021 -6841077 (Cell) 0834688243 or e-mail [brian.february@capetown.gov.za](mailto:brian.february@capetown.gov.za)**

# SCOUT FORUM



The South African Scout Forum is live on the internet. It has +-80 registered users already, from all over South Africa and a few from overseas. To use the forum you firstly need to register, to gain access. From then you have access to different forum topics. You can create new topics and / or reply to the current topics.

Why an internet scout forum? Well I am sure that there are many of you who want to ask a question, but are afraid to do so. There are some of you who want to suggest something, or complain about something, or just say what is on your mind, well now you can. You use your own username when you register, so nobody will ever know who you really are, unless you tell them.

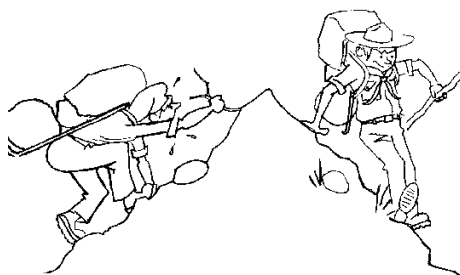
A new feature is an online chat facility. This however is only for registered users of the forum. Anybody can register, but for your own safety we also have moderators on the forum that help keep things in order.

There are links to the forum from the Cape Western Page, The ScoutWeb Page, but you can directly go to: <http://www.innestech.co.za/guestbook> or go to <http://www.innestech.co.za> and click on the button: scout forum at the top of the page.

## SA Scout Forum Administrator

Chief Scout Commissioner Andre Bredenkamp leaves for Mount Everest next month where he will attempt to scale the highest mountain in the world. Andre, all at Cape West wish you well and trust that you will reach your goal and return safely.

Go well and God bless you!



## *Application Forms*

Please be advised of the following:

1. Only the new forms will be accepted for both Adult and Scout Applications.
2. Applications on old forms will be returned.
3. As with the above, applications that are not completed in full will also be returned.
4. Application forms that are to be submitted with payments such as course fees, deposits etc. will not be accepted without the money.
5. Please do not expect Warrant Applications, Adult Membership and Registration of cubs and scouts to be processed immediately as staff need to fit this in with other functions and references must be checked. This applies especially prior to competitions when the office is flooded with scout membership applications. Scouters are asked to ensure that the cubs and scouts are registered soon after they join the Movement

## **Scouts Own Service**

On Sunday 22 February 2004, the City Hall in Cape Town was filled to capacity as Brownies, Guides, Ranger, Cubs, Scouts, Scouters, Rovers and parents joined forces to celebrate BP Sunday.

Guest Speaker - South African Olympic Swimmer Natalie du Toit, delivered a very inspiring talk in which she spoke about her dreams and aspirations and how a motor accident which resulted in her losing part of her left leg did not deter her from reaching her goals in life. She furthermore encouraged all present to set goals for themselves and to work towards achieving them. At the end of her talk Natalie was given a standing ovation.